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Dr. Jim Keener serves as Senior Level, Executive Position, at NAVSEA Headquarters. In his current position, he serves as the NAVSEA Warfare Centers Director for Surface Warfare.

Dr. Keener earned his Masters of Science degree in Atmospheric Sciences from Colorado State University in 1990 and his Doctorate of Physics in 1995 from Clemson University. In 1995, Dr. Keener joined NSWC Dahlgren and conducted air and missile defense analysis on behalf of the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and was lead on the analysis of a number of advanced kill chain initiatives. In 2000, Dr. Keener transitioned to engineering support of the Carrier Program Office and acted as the lead radar engineer for the CVN-77 combat systems development and integration. After serving as the lead radar engineer for two years, he served for six years as the Naval Integrated Fire Control-Counter Air (NIFC-CA) Systems of Systems Engineering Lead for the Project Office within the Program Executive Office Integrated Warfare Systems (IWS). In the fall of 2008, he began a special assignment with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L), Acquisition and Technology (A&T) in the Joint Advanced Concepts (JAC) Office. While there he served as the OSD liaison to the Joint IAMD Organization (JIAMDO) and was the OSD lead for the Joint IAMDO. After his assignment in 2010, he continued to support the OSD Office and was instrumental in the establishment of the Joint IAMD Multi-Service System Engineering Team and was Chair of this Joint engineering team until 2013. Dr. Keener also served as the Navy's Surface Warfare Mission Engineering Lead for DASN RDT&E. In this role, Dr. Keener coordinated tasking for all the SYSCOM Executive Mission Engineering Directors on behalf of DASN RDT&E.

As the NAVSEA Warfare Centers Director for Surface Warfare, Dr. Keener coordinates the Fleet Engagement activities across the NAVSEA Warfare Centers in concert with the Director for Undersea and the Director for Mine Warfare. Dr. Keener also serves as the Navy's Surface Domain Leader overseeing NAVSEA's interaction with OPNAV, SYSCOMs and PEOs.